

through advocating our common interests we can effectively contribute to the spread of the values that have been proclaimed so many times by outstanding American politicians within the walls of this historic building.

In conclusion, please allow me to use this opportunity to gratefully thank the American people and their leaders for the steady support they have given to Hungary to achieve as much as possible under the present international circumstances. I am sure if we build upon the legacy of St. Stephen and Lajos Kossuth, Hungary can again join the democratic community of nations.

IN TRIBUTE TO FIRE FIGHTER
JOSEPH DUPEE

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I sadly rise today in tribute to one of my community's heros, Joseph Dupee. A loving father, devoted husband, a Christian servant, and protector of communities are all fitting descriptions of Joseph Dupee. Unfortunately, I rise today because Joseph Dupee paid the ultimate price of duty in service to his community, in his life. On March 8, 1998, Captain Joseph Dupee died in the line of duty. His colleagues all admit that no other honor is more befitting a fire fighter than to give your life to save another.

However, today is not a day to remember Joseph Dupee's death, but rather one to remember his life. And what a life it was, Mr. Speaker. Born February 25, 1960 in Burbank, CA, Joseph Charles Dupee was one of six children of Anna Shaffer. He grew up in Simi Valley and graduated from Simi Valley High School. As early as ten years old, Joe knew he wanted to be a fireman and was "hanging out" at his local station. In 1977, he fulfilled his dream by joining the Ventura Fire Department as a volunteer cadet. In 1981, he graduated from the drill tower and officially began a distinguished 17-year career with the Los Angeles Fire Department. In 1986, Joe was promoted to engineer and served in that position for ten years.

While as impressive as his stellar performance was in his career, his personal life was incomplete until he met the love of his life, Julie, in April of 1991. Through Julie's inspiration, Joe became a disciple of our Lord and joined the Grace Community Church later that very year. After a two year courtship, the two were married and later blessed with two wonderful sons, Lucas Joseph and Caleb Benjamin.

Joe continued to serve the Lord through many avenues, including driving a bus for the handicapped to attend church, playing guitar for Bible study, and general ministry. His faith was so strong that he was overheard telling a friend after a fellow fireman had fallen in the line of duty that he had no fear of death for the Lord has better plans for us all.

While our community has lost a hero, father, husband, leader, and friend, heaven has gained a trusted ally. We will miss Joe and the hard work that exemplified his performance, but we applaud him for the work that he did in service to his community. To his wife, Julie, and his two sons, Lucas and Caleb, we hope

that you may find peace in knowing the appreciation your community has for Joe's devotion to us.

Let me end, Mr. Speaker, with the Fire Fighters Prayer:

When called to duty
Wherever flames may rage
Give me strength to save a life
Whatever their age.

Help me embrace a child
Before it is too late
To save an older person
From the horror of that fate
Enable me to be alert and
Hear the weakest shout,
To quickly and efficiently
Put that fire out

I want to fill my calling
And give the best in me
To guard my every neighbor
And protect his property
If according to your will
I must lose my life . . .
Oh bless with your protecting hand
My children and my wife.

TRIBUTE TO DUMONT PRINTING,
HARRIS RANCH INN,
WESTAMERICA BANK, EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, THE CLOVIS INDEPENDENT, DAVID AND SONS, GIANNINI PACKAGING CORPORATION, PRODUCERS DAIRY, COSTCO WHOLESALE, AND THE CLAUDE LAVAL CORPORATION

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dumont Printing of Fresno, Harris Ranch Inn of Coalinga, WestAmerica Bank-Sanger Branch, Evangelical Free Church of Fresno, The Clovis Independent of Clovis, David & Sons of Fresno, Giannini Packaging Corporation of Dinuba, Producers Dairy of Fresno, Costco Wholesale of Clovis, and Claude Laval Corporation of Fresno for being honored by the Fresno Compact for their dedication to helping students prepare for the increasing demands of society and the work place.

The Fresno Compact is a coalition of community leaders and the area's public schools, committed to a long-term effort to improve achievement levels and skills of young people who leave our schools. Formation of the Compact was initiated in 1990 by businesses and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, who's members were concerned about the difficulty of finding young workers equipped to succeed in entry level jobs. The members were also concerned about the problems young people have in supporting a family, finding satisfactory work and contributing positively to the economy. Schools and the community leaders then joined businesses in organizing the compact. The compact is now involved in coordinating various initiatives by its members, including business participation with the schools. The mission of the Compact is to focus community-wide efforts on preparing students for the increasing demands of society and the workplace.

This year the Compact has honored ten businesses in Fresno County that have been

nominated by the schools for their outstanding contributions to classroom learning. These businesses have contributed everything from time and money to human resources and expertise. Some of the businesses are quite large and some are quite small, but each one shares a common goal—to get involved in Fresno County's education system! In every case, the result is a lasting partnership that has touched the lives of kids.

Harris Ranch Inn and Restaurant was nominated by Coalinga High School and Middle School. Harris Ranch personnel have taught Coalinga High School students about economics and marketing. Students have participated in mock interviews with Harris Ranch employees to help prepare them for the world of work. Each year during celebrations and fund raising events, Harris Ranch provides students and parent organizations with necessary supplies and materials. Harris Ranch also creates a positive learning climate in the schools by providing a monthly recognition dinner for employees.

The Giannini packaging corporation of Dinuba, in conjunction with the Trembley family foundation has invested in the area of technology in the Clay Joint Elementary School District. The offices of the foundation, Leroy Giannini Jr., and Jim Burnett has invested over \$150,000 in equipment and materials. In 1993, they began installing 27' TVs, VCRs, cable boxes, personal computers, and printers in each classroom, including the Library. The TVs are networked together enabling instructional TV programming and distance learning.

The WestAmerica Bank of Sanger has been one of the primary catalysts for the successful career preparation program anchored at Sanger High School. WestAmerica employees have been active members of the advisory committee for the Sanger High School Business Department for the past seven years. As a part of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce Employment Competency Program, WestAmerica Bank has been a key business partner. Manager Donna Silva has devoted one to two days a month for instruction, student assessment, and curriculum development focusing on employment competency skills needed for entry-level success in the workplace.

Evangelical Free church in Fresno offers yet another unique partnership that links people from throughout the community to Ernie Pyle Elementary School. Each Year, individuals from the church congregation volunteer to read with first and second graders. This happens as often as three times a week. The Ernie Pyle staff believes children have become much more confident and it has shown in their reading ability.

Dumont Printing Company has been an active partner with Fresno's oldest high school, Fresno High School, since 1994. The owners, Larry and Susan Early, provide visible support for the highly successful marketing academy. As a direct result of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Early, students as well as teachers have received complimentary tickets to cultural events including ballets, symphonies, and local museums. Dumont assists with curriculum development, field trips, mentors and guest speakers.

The dedicated professionals from the Clovis Independent have personally dedicated their

time and talents to making this vision a reality. Each week, a guest reader volunteers one hour a day to read stories to the primary students. Classroom presentations have also been a strong contribution by the independent. Writers and advertisers provide "hands on" newspaper activities illustrating their job responsibilities at the Independent. Students are taught to see the correlation between mathematical application and advertising sizing and pricing. The Clovis Independent promotes student recognition by printing students of the month, honor students, those receiving special awards, and special interest stories.

The David & Sons-Viking Elementary School partnership is another excellent example of the impact individual employees have on students. Employees participate in field trips, student of the month activities, classroom tutoring and a number of other activities that result in one-on-one contact with kids. As a business, David & Sons is also an important player in the Viking Pen Pal Program. The kids love the letters they receive from the employees. In addition to extensive involvement from employees, David & Sons also contributes financially to after school activities that touch the families as well as the children.

Ericson Elementary School of Fresno is in its second year of an exciting partnership with the Claude Laval Corporation. The primary goal of the partnership is to expose children to an array of career possibilities. Division heads from the Claude Laval Corporation do classroom presentations which often include hands on demonstrations. These department heads talk to kids not only about the intricacies of the industry but about the importance of work ethics, goal setting, and life long learning. Perhaps the most innovative aspect of this process is the interview/resume process. Each student who completes the packet goes to a mock interview, and as a culminating activity, four students are selected to attend a Claude Laval Leadership Training Program which includes a factory tour and lunch with Claude Laval executives. At the end of the year, classrooms prepare presentations on topics such as marketing, finance and manufacturing and present them to the executive team at Claude Laval.

In Clovis, Tarpey Elementary School and Costco have cultivated a partnership that families, as well as students have benefited from. Costco has donated back packs and school supplies to over 1,000 students. Needy families have been the recipients of food and clothing. The annual Tarpey BBQ and carnival has become one the community highlights as a result of Costco's generous donation of food and supplies.

The final business partner award goes to a long standing business partnership and an icon in the community. Producers Dairy was nominated by the State Center Community College District for their contributions to the State Center system for over a decade. Producers is sole sponsor of the "Producers California Community College Baseball State Championships." This event not only touches college athletes but brings thousands of dollars into the Fresno Community. Producers Dairy also provides over \$20,000 in scholarships to students who might not otherwise have the means to go to college.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Harris Ranch, Giannini Packaging Corporation, WestAmerica Bank, Evangelical

Free Church, Dumont Printing, The Clovis Independent, David and Sons, Claude Laval Corporation, Costco Wholesale, and Producers Dairy for the dedication and care that they have exhibited for future education. School business partnerships bring a little bit of hope to a lot of kids, thanks to the commitment of powerful teachers and concerned and dedicated citizens. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these companies many more years of success.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND THE 50 STATES COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM ACT

HON. CARLOS ROMERO-BARCELÓ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, today we have introduced a bill to amend the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act that will extend the program by one additional year so as to include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the United States Virgin Islands within the scope of the program.

The 50 States Commemorative Coin Program, to begin in 1999, allows each of the 50 States the privilege of selecting a design for the reverse side of the quarter coin that commemorates their history. Five States per year will have quarters minted, selected according to the order in which the States ratified the Constitution or were admitted into the Union.

As enacted, the Territories and the District of Columbia were excluded from the original program. This amendment is necessary because as passed, the Act does not truly reflect the strengths of our Nation and the tremendous contributions to American society and American democratic values provided by the United States citizens who reside in the Territories and in the District of Columbia. It is important that the youth of the United States, a large number of whom are expected to collect complete sets of the quarter dollars issued during the program, learn about their national history, geography and heritage.

We supported the program (H.R. 2414) on the House floor last September after it was agreed that we would be included in a subsequent bill. I wish to salute the chairman of the Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee, MICHAEL CASTLE (R-DEL), for his support and commitment to ensure that we receive the same considerations as all 50 states.

In addition, I wish to thank delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, of the District of Columbia and my colleagues representing each of the territories. I am glad that we could work together to achieve this important victory towards equality.

THE FIFTY STATE COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would give the District of Co-

lumbia and the four insular areas a privilege the 50 states already have, namely, the ability to choose a design for the reverse side of the quarter coin in order to commemorate our history as part of the United States. After I protested the exclusion of D.C. and the four territories when the original bill came to the House Floor, Congressman MIKE CASTLE, Chair of the Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee, agreed to co-sponsor this bill with the other Delegates and me and to allow the District and the four insular areas to participate. I want to thank Chairman Castle for his great cooperation in helping us with this effort that is important to our districts, and I thank the Delegates from the four insular areas who have worked hard on this bill from the beginning.

Although the residents of the District and the insular areas are American citizens, there are some differences between us and the states. However, qualification to be part of a program to redesign quarters to commemorate Member's home districts is not one of them. There is no legal or constitutional reason to exclude D.C. and the territories from this bill. Congress should be at great pains to avoid any appearance of treating the District and the insular areas as colonies. I am sure this initial exclusion was an oversight.

My bill would extend the 10-year commemorative coin program for an additional year to include the District of Columbia and the four insular areas—American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands—in the program. In the District, I am suggesting that we hold a competition to choose the design for our quarter. Although to some American citizens the Commemorative Coin Program may seem like a minor activity, the ability to participate in this program is important recognition to my constituents. I am sure that the same is true for the insular areas.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3633, THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TRAFFICKING PROHIBITION ACT OF 1998

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, serious concerns have been raised by law enforcement, US Customs, drug abuse prevention counselors and commissions, independent studies and media reports about the trafficking of controlled substances from Mexico.

"Controlled substances" are drugs that the Drug Enforcement Administration has either banned or subjected to closely regulated status because of their danger, addictiveness and potential for abuse. Controlled substances include illegal drugs such as heroin and closely-regulated legal drugs such as Valium.

Currently, it is particularly easy for an individual to purchase dangerous controlled substances in Mexico. These uppers, downers, hallucinogens, and "date-rape drugs" are obtained from so-called "health-care providers" or "pharmacists" in Mexico with no documentation of medical need; then legally imported into the United States; and, according to DEA, frequently sold illegally on the street.

Mexican drug sellers even include detailed instructions to help Americans avoid arrest or